



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, November 2, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the training room located at the Claremont Police Department at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Councilmember Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Dayne Miller, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Councilmember D.B. Setzer and Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Mayor Shawn Brown was out of town and excused from the meeting.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager Catherine Renbarger, City Clerk Wendy Helms, Police Chief Gary Bost, Fire Chief Bart Travis, Public Services Director Tom Winkler, Captain Allen Long, Police Officer Michael Kirby, Recreation Coordinator Michael Orders and City Attorney Bob Grant.

Others in attendance were: Robert Smith, Lee Miller, Elinor Hiltz, Robert Winrow, Cole Travis, Lisa Travis, Dennis Richards, Paul Beatty, Amber Clawson, Bill Hart, Becky Hart, David Morrow, Andrea Ramsey and Jason Lowrance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Reverend Dennis Richards from Claremont First Baptist Church. Police Chief Gary Bost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. October 5, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to accept October 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. October 5, 2015, Closed Session Minutes – Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to accept October 5, 2015 closed session minutes with one correction. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS- Amber Clawson with the Catawba County Historical Society presented the City with the Rebecca Hart Preservation Award. The Historical Society expressed their thanks for help with the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Project.

7. PUBLIC HEARING- Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to open a public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

Busbee Family LLC intends to invest \$850,000 in land, equipment and building, at 3119 North Oxford Street. The City would make a grant in an amount equal to the City's portion of the ad valorem taxes for six years.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS-

A. Budget Transfer- Transfer of funds to allow for maintenance of vehicles at the fire department. Informational only.

9. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Change in date for the December 2015, meeting- Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to change the date of the December, 2015 meeting to December 14th, due to scheduling conflicts. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

B. WPCOG Grant Administration for Building Reuse Grant- The City of Claremont was awarded \$240,000 in building reuse grant funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division. Prysmian Cable Systems intends to rehabilitate 10,000 square feet to restore Fiber Optical Perform Operations, in turn creating 24 new full time jobs. This agreement will allow the WPCOG to perform various administrative activities associated with the grant for a sum not to exceed \$12,000.

Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to approve the agreement with WPCOG for administrative assistance. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Ordinance 08-15 Amending the FY 2016 Budget – This amendment amends the FY 2016 budget to include funds for additional scholarships in the PJ Stanley fund, incorporates the \$70,000 in private contributions to expand Centennial Blvd., and moves funds into the fire department vehicle maintenance line.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Ordinance 08-15 amending the budget. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 09-15 Approve Economic Development Agreement with Busbee Family Investments- This resolution will approve the economic development agreement with Busbee Family LLC. The City will offer an incentive grant equal to 100% of the City's portion of ad valorem taxes paid by the company for six consecutive years.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Monthly Department Dashboard Report-

Public Works- Christmas lights to be installed and lit beginning November 27th.

Police- Chief Bost introduced Michael Kirby, our newest full time officer, to those in attendance. Mr. Kirby has been a part time officer since 2005. Chief Bost also informed Council of information he received from the State. Claremont is listed as the 11th safest suburb in North Carolina.

Fire- Chief Travis gave an update on events during October.

Planning- Planner Elinor Hiltz informed Council that the next meeting of the Planning Board is November 16, 2015. Work is being performed on the Land Development Plan.

Recreation- Phase 2 of Claremont Daze will be held on November 7th. Veterans Day Service will be held at the City Park on November 11th at 11 a.m.

Youth Council- Cole Travis spoke on behalf of the Youth Council. Service project for this year will be Toys for Tots. They will also be selling hot chocolate at the City Yard Sale.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Renbarger reported that the Catawba County Arts Council gave an \$800 grant to the Claremont Daze activities. The 1993 Spartan fire truck has been sold. Fiscal year 2015 audit is nearing completion.

12. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk